Completion of Farakka Barrage Project

1052. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 30 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 2000 and state:

(a) the status of implementation of seven schemes under short-term measures at an estimated cost of Rs. 130 crores through Farakka Barrage Project Authority regarding erosion caused by Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal;

(b) the amount spent so far; and

(c) the tentative date of completion of each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMTI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The status of implementation of schemes under short term measures amounting to Rs. 130 crore through Farakka Barrage Project Authority is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Works recommended by Expert Committee set up by Planning Commission

SHORT TERM WORKS

Priority-I

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure incurred during IXth Plan	Status and completion date
1.	Construction of 2 long spurs by Farkka Barrage Project downstream (D/S) of Manikchak at 29th and 28th K.M. upstream (U/S) of Farakka Barrage	30.00	—	Works not taken up as model studies did not favour.
2.	Construction of 2 Nos. spurs D/S of Farakka Barrage at Bindugram including revetment of 1 km. bank line	30.00	2.7174	Changed to revetment, Work in progress in phases as suggested by TAC

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure incurred during IXth Plan	Status and completion date
3.	Protection work on right bank of river Ganga at Moya D/S of Farakka Barrage: Length 3 km @ 10.00 Crore/Km.	30.00	0.9734	Works in progress and further works as proposed have been planned in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 which will be carried out on availability of funds.
4.	Protection of right bank of river Ganga downstream of Farakka Barrage at Fazilpur: Length 2 km.	5.00		
Priority-II				
5.	Bank revetment work of 2 km. of left marginal embankment (10th retired embankment) U/S of left upstream guide Bundh of Farakka Barrage	15.00	4.1405	Works being taken up in phases as per recommendation of TAC based on site condition and availability of funds.

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure incurred during IXth Plan	Status and completion date
6.	Essential Dredging:			
	(a) for Kosi Channel	5.00	—	Not taken up yet. Model Studies to be conducted by Central Water and Power Research Station before taking up the work.
	(b) for river management LU/S and D/S of Farakka Barrage.	10.00		
7.	River behaviour studies, models, Survey and detailed investigation: mapping and updating of all requisite technical data.	5.00		
	TOTAL: Rs. 130.00 crore			

An amount of Rs. 30.00 crore has been provided for 2001-2002 for the works at Sl. No. 2, 3 and 4.

Opening of river grids in floody areas

1053. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether river grids will be opened from floody areas of North East and East like Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa so that this water can flow to Western States like Saurashtra and Gujart;

(b) whether such arrangement will also be made from North to South so that water of Ganga and other rivers could flow to South; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development prepared by Central Government in 1980 envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from presnetly assessed surplus basins like Ganga, Brahmaputra to water deficit basins like Krishna, Cauvery for the